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S.S.L.C. or Intermediate Explanations. Alternatively, they may get themselves qualified for such promotion by passing the S.S.L.C. standard test conducted by the Madras Public Service Commission in two papers, viz.,—

(i) Essay, Part I regional language only; and

(ii) Translation in two parts (from English to regional language and *vice versa*), and such of those who pass the above test need not appear again for the S.S.L.C. or Intermediate Examination to secure the minimum number of marks.

"(*b*) No. They will have to acquire the minimum general qualification also before promotion."

King George Hospital, Visakhapatnam.

* 687 *Q.*—SRI M. VEERABHADRAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) what is the total number of male totis, female totis and male and female nursing orderlies separately employed in King George Hospital, Visakhapatnam;

(*b*) whether it is in proportion to the bed strength of the hospital and in accordance with the prescribed rules;

(*c*) what is the sanctioned bed strength in the hospital in the year 1952; and

(*d*) what is the average (per day) number of in-patients in the year 1952?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—"(*a*) Male toties 28 (includes a leave reserve of 3). Female toties 26 (includes a leave reserve of 4). Male nursing orderlies 54 (includes a leave reserve of 6). Female nursing orderlies 49 (includes a leave reserve of 7).

"(*b*) Yes.

"(*c*) 700.

"(*d*) 798."

Cut in the pay of daffadars.

* 688 *Q.*—SRI S. VEMIAH: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that about a rupee or two was cut out of the pay of the daffadars in the State;

(*b*) if so, the reasons for the cut; and

(*c*) the scale of the pay of an inferior servant (peon) in 1931, 1941 and 1951 (excluding dearness allowance)?